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THORNTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

1971

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of
Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1971

MOUNTAIN MEDIA, INC.

PLYMOUTH, N. H.

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Albin S. Conkey, 726-8820
Arthur L. Gross, 726-3515
Alton G. Benton, 726-8845

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

James N. Pope, 726-4453

TAX COLLECTOR

Helen B. Steele, 726-7053

ROAD AGENT

Bert Benton, 726-8678

POLICE OFFICERS

Robert McGee, 726-8696
Donald Mills, 726-7080

FIRE WARDENS

Bert Benton, Fire Chief
Richard Bradley
Carl Broad, 726-8813
John Benton, 726-8669
Charles Kimball, 726-7077

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Bert Benton

OVERSEER OF THE POOR & HEALTH OFFICER

Robert McGee

MODERATOR

Russell Gilman

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Irma Gross, Ardelle Gilman, Isabelle Ham

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

F. Everett Steele, Evelyn Benton, Marcia Smith

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Evelyn Benton, Marcia Smith, Nellie Adams

AUDITORS

Lois Ignaszewski, Clyde Ignaszewski

PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Lester Lefebvre

CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

William Judge

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

Thornton was incorporated as a town in 1781.

Location: Midway of the Pemigewasset Valley Between Plymouth and the Franconia Notch.

Population: 572 (1970)

Registered Voters: 323 (1970)

Area: 32,640 Acres - of which 15,056 Acres are Public Lands.

Altitude: From 555 to 2,610 feet.

Town Office: At the Consolidated Schools Building.

Selectmen meet on the last week-day of each month - 8:00 P. M.

State Senator: Stephen Smith, Plymouth.

U. S. Senators: Norris Cotton and Thomas J. McIntyre

Representative in Congress: James C. Cleveland
No. 1215 New House Office Building,
Washington, D. C .

Representatives in the General Court:

Richard Bradley, Thornton; Lester Mitchell, Sr., Campton

Annual Town Meeting: First Tuesday in March. The Non-Partisan Town Ballot is used. Filing Fee \$1.00. See the Town Clerk if you are a candidate for Town Office at least 10 days before Town Meeting.

Polls open at 3:00 P. M. and close at 9:00 P. M. Articles in the Town Warrant are taken up at 8:00 P. M. Non-Residents may attend and are welcome to be heard.



Hear Ye- Hear Ye!

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Consolidated School building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 7th day of March next, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall close not earlier than 9:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following article one. All articles except article one will be considered at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

1. To choose a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, one selectman for three years, one trustee for three years, one road agent, a superintendent of cemeteries, an overseer of the poor, one auditor for three years, and two police officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

3. To see if a discount will be allowed on property taxes of 1% if paid before a certain date to be later set by the selectmen.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell Town Property taken on tax title.

5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$342.00 for the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency, Inc.

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$584.06 for the White Mountain Regional Association.

7. "To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the amendments of the Constitution proposed by the 1971 session of the General Court shall be approved."

8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the SKI 93 Association.

9. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$441.00 for the Lakes Region Mental Health Center.

10. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$1,000.00 necessary to put the Old Town House in a useful condition.

11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Robert Rizzo Road - so-called - at its entire length once it complies to the TRA standards and upon approval by the selectmen.

12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the new 700 feet extensions of the Sugarun Road once it meets TRA standards and approved the selectmen.

13. To vote to raise necessary sums of money to pay county taxes and for the school district appropriation.

14. To consider the budget as posted and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to satisfy it.

15. (a) To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$3,400 for the Town's share of the support of the Campton-Thornton Volunteer Fire Department. This sum is necessary just to keep the Department in operation for the coming year. To appropriate this sum only if Campton votes their share.

(b) To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,260 for the Town's share of the purchase of two (2) tires for the Campton-Thornton Volunteer Fire Department's pumper truck and 2,000 feet of 2 1/2 inch fire hose which is required by the New Hampshire Board of Underwriters to meet the barest of minimum standards. To appropriate this sum only if Campton votes their share.

(c) To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,355.77 for the Town's share of the required fee for joining The Lakes Region Mutual Aid Association. To appropriate this sum only if Campton votes their share.

(d) To see if the Town will vote to join with the town of Campton in taking over ownership of the Campton-Thornton Volunteer Fire Department next year and in so doing, vote to have the selectmen appoint a 2-man board of Fire Commissioners to oversee the transfer of control and ownership from the present owners to the two towns.

16. To see if the town will vote to abandon the former Ted Hanson drive and give it back to the present Ted Hanson property owners.

17. (a) "To see if the Town will vote to accept from Albert S. Moulton, for use as a town road, a deed to the Town for that portion of the existing private road, 50 feet in width, as shown on a plan entitled 'Albert S. Moulton Subdivision, Thornton, N. H., surveyed 1969 by S. G. Hall, Scale 1 inch - 100 feet' recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds, Book 1113, Page 33, that commences at the Upper Mad River Road at the southeast corner of Lot No. 1 as shown on said plan and extends therefrom in a general northwesterly direction 1,712.75 feet to the northeast corner of Lot No. 10 as shown on said plan together with that portion of said private road that commences at the northwest corner of Lot No. 31 as shown on said plan and extends therefrom in a general easterly direction a distance of 776 feet to the northeast corner of Lot No. 34 and the northwest corner of Lot No. 35 as shown on said plan."

(b) To see if the Town will vote to authorize Albert S. Moulton, either alone or in common with other real estate developers in the Town, at his or their sole expense and without any expense to the Town whatever, to construct a simulated covered bridge entrance at the east end of the Six Mile Bridge, so-called, and to place directional signs thereon, the design, materials and location of such simulated bridge entrance and the signs to be placed thereon to be subject to the approval of the Selectmen and the Road Agent.

18. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-two.
A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALBIN S. CONKEY

ARTHUR L. GROSS

ALTON G. BENTON

Selectmen of Thornton

ALBIN S. CONKEY

ARTHUR L. GROSS

ALTON G. BENTON

Selectmen of Thornton

THE BUDGET

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Fiscal Year

<i>Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Estimated. Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1972</i>
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SOURCES OF REVENUE:

(1972-73)

From State:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 3,760.19	\$ 3,760.00
Savings Bank Tax	157.00	157.38	157.00
Highway Subsidy—TRA	2,822.00	5,236.67	
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,671.00	2,693.68	2,700.00
Reimb. a/c State & Fed. Forest Lands	4,500.00	2,487.25	2,500.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		35.75	
National Forest Reserve		3,503.77	3,500.00

From Local Sources:

Dog Licenses	250.00	251.00	250.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	20.00	17.00	15.00
Interest Received on Taxes	900.00	734.22	750.00
Income from Trust Funds—Lee		332.90	165.00
New Fund		15.46	20.00
Campton a/c Dump		2,330.36	2,500.00
M. V. Permit Fees	6,300.00	6,674.50	6,500.00
Sale of Town Property—Cemetery Lots		150.00	10.00
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax		861.38	900.00
Refunds—Ayer Ins.		1.00	
Surplus		8,000.00	

From Local Taxes Other than Prop. Taxes:

Resident Taxes Retained	1,699.50	1,865.00	1,850.00
Yield Taxes	1,017.81	806.72	800.00

TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROP. TAXES

\$ 24,097.31

\$ 26,377.00

Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes

\$ 33,899.00

Total Revenues

\$ 60,276.00

	<i>Approp. Previous Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Actual Expend. Previous Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Estimated Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1972</i>
APPROPRIATIONS:			(1972-73)
<i>General Government:</i>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,526.00	\$ 2,695.00	\$ 2,526.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,050.00	1,071.47	2,250.00
Election & Registration Exp.	200.00	127.75	300.00
Exp. Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	1,000.00	100.00	1,000.00
<i>Protection of Persons & Property:</i>			
Police Dept.	250.00	202.50	250.00
Fire Dept.	1,400.00	1,323.68	6,000.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	125.00	125.00	125.00
Insurance	350.00	301.85	350.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00		50.00
<i>Health:</i>			
Health Dept. incl. Hospitals & Amb.	702.36		750.00
Vital Statistics		7.50	
New Bridge	10,000.00		32,000.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,200.00	3,790.96	1,500.00
<i>Highways & Bridges:</i>			
Tar	500.00	992.78	500.00
Town Maint.—Summer	3,500.00	2,062.75	3,000.00
Town Maint.—Winter	6,000.00	5,799.62	5,000.00
Bridge	3,000.00	1,244.53	1,000.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	1,500.00	886.64	600.00
<i>Libraries</i>	200.00	200.00	200.00
<i>Public Welfare:</i>			
Town Poor (Postage Surplus)	100.00	121.28	100.00
Aid to Perm. & Totally Disabled	1,650.00	1,406.08	1,500.00
<i>Patriotic Purposes:</i>			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Assns.	25.00	32.98	25.00
<i>Public Service Enterprises:</i>			
Cemeteries	1,000.00	1,408.02	800.00
Adv. Regional Assns.	485.38	485.38	450.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 37,813.74		\$ 60,276.00

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON

ASSETS

Cash:

In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 46,302.75	
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Total		\$ 46,302.75

Accounts Due to the Town:

Albert Moulton	140.70	
Town of Campton (1971 Bal. Dump 60%)	702.42	
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Total		843.12

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1970	1,438.15	
Levy of 1969	1,275.20	
Previous Years	1,224.49	
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Total		3,937.84

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1971, incl. Resident Taxes	29,856.61	
Levy of 1970	243.32	
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	55.00	
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Total		\$ 30,145.93
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GRAND TOTAL		\$ 81,238.64

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Balance Clerical Aid	\$ 110.00
Old Age & Disability, Nov. & Dec.	264.94
H. B. Steele, Com. & Clerk	203.20
James Pope (Clerk & Treas.)	350.00
Lakes Region Mental Health	441.36
Pemi Baker Home Health	261.00

Due to State:

Resident Taxes—1971	
(Uncollected \$591.75)	
(Collected—not remitted to	
State Treas. \$839.25)	1,431.00
2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	
(Uncollected \$69.11)	
(Collected—not remitted to	
State Treas. \$134.45)	203.56

Other Liabilities:

Civil Defense	225.00
Perambulation	285.00
Tar Fund	13.30
Forest Fund	25.00
Bridge Fund	10,231.67
Town House	1,900.00
New Bridge	10,000.00

Total Accounts Owed by Town	\$ 25,945.03
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Total Liabilities	\$ 25,945.03
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Current Surplus	55,293.61
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 81,238.64
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RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—Current Year—1971	\$ 96,080.09
Resident Taxes—Current Year—1971	1,865.00
Yield Taxes—Current Year—1971	806.72

Total Current Year's Taxes Collected & Remitted	98,751.81
Prop. Taxes & Yield Taxes—Previous Years	23,289.32
Poll Taxes—Previous Years	108.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	360.00
Int. Received on Delinquent Taxes	734.22
Penalties: State Head Taxes \$33.00; Resident Taxes \$27.80	60.80
Tax Sales Redeemed	3,180.22

From State:

For Highways & Bridges:	
For Town Road Aid	5,236.67
Interest and Dividends Tax	3,760.19
Savings Bank Tax	157.38
Reimb. a-c State & Fed. Forest Lands	2,487.25
National Forest Reserve	3,503.77
Fighting Forest Fires	35.75
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,693.68
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax	861.38

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	251.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	17.00
Rent of Town Prop.—Campton a/c Dump	2,330.36
Income from Trust Funds—Lee Fund	332.90
Cancelled Check	28.68
M. V. Permits (1970 \$59.26; 1971 \$6,455.25; 1972 \$159.99)	6,674.50
Total Current Revenue Receipts	28,370.51

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Ayer Insurance	1.00
New Trust Funds Received During Year	15.46
Cemetery Lots	150.00

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	\$ 166.46
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Less Overpayment 1970	2.01
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	\$155,019.33
Less Uncollected Ck. 12-31-71	195.00
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Total Receipts from All Sources	154,824.33
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1971	46,302.75
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GRAND TOTAL	\$201,127.08

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,695.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,071.47
Election & Registration Expenses	127.75
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	100.00
Protection of Persons & Property:	
Police Department	202.50
Fire Dept., incl. Forest Fires	1,323.68
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	125.00
Insurance	301.85

Health:

Vital Statistics	7.50
Town Dumps & Garbage Removal	3,790.96

Highways & Bridges:

Tar	992.78
Town Maintenance	
(Summer (\$2,062.75; Winter \$5,799.62)	7,862.37
6 Mile Bridges (\$1,185.03; \$59.50)	1,244.53
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	886.64

Libraries	200.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance & A.P.T.D.	1,406.08
Town Poor (Postage—Surplus)	121.28

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veterans' Assoc. & Old Home Day	32.98
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, incl. Hearse Hire	1,408.02
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Unclassified:

Adv. & Regional Assoc.	485.38
Taxes Bought by Town	2,839.78
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	1,612.76

Total Current Maint. Exp.	\$ 28,605.33
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Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:

Res. Taxes Paid State Treas. 1971	330.50
State Head Taxes Paid State Treas. Prior Yrs.	561.50
Payments to State	
a-c 2% Bond & Debt Ret. Taxes	123.54
Taxes Paid to County	18,355.33
Payments to School Districts	79,406.88

Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions	\$ 98,777.75
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$127,616.06
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1971	73,511.02

GRAND TOTAL	\$201,127.08
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands & Bldgs.	\$ 12,000.00
Furniture & Equip.	200.00
Libraries, Furniture & Equip.	500.00
Fire Department, Equip.	400.00
Highway Dept., Land & Bldgs.	700.00
Equipment	500.00
Schools, Lands & Buildings	60,000.00
Equipment	6,000.00
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TOTAL	\$ 80,300.00

**COMPARATIVE VIEW
TAX RATE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS
TOWN OF THORNTON**

RATES

Unit of Government	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Municipal	.15	.11	.30	.49	.27
County	.32	.15	.23	.16	.14
School	1.73	1.84	2.37	2.25	2.49
*Comb. Rates	\$2.20	\$2.10	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90

RATES

Unit of Government	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Municipal	.37	.31	.43	.44	.25
County	.15	.17	.18	.19	.19
School	2.38	2.32	2.39	2.47	2.26
*Comb. Rates	\$2.90	\$2.80	\$3.00	\$3.10	\$2.70

*(Non-Precincts and Single School Districts, Towns or Cities)

TAX YEAR 1971

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Town Valuation:	
Land— Improved & Unimproved	\$2,365,640.00
Buildings	2,812,895.00
Electric	329,693.00
Mobile Homes (35)	155,200.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	5,663,428.00
Less Exemption for Elderly (4)	12,000.00
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed	\$5,651,428.00
Exemption for War Service (33)	
Taken Away from Property Taxes	16,500.00
Tax Rate for 1971 \$2.20 per \$100.00	

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1971

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$122,681.42
Resident Taxes	3,090.00

Total Warrant	\$125,771.42
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Yield	1,221.37
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Added Taxes:

Property	3,316.72
Resident	90.00

3,406.72

Int. Collected on

Delinquent Prop. Taxes	21.80
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Penalties Collected on

Resident Taxes	6.00
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Total Debits

\$130,427.31

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	\$ 96,080.09
Resident Taxes	1,865.00
Yield	806.72
Interest Collected	21.80
Penalties on Resident Taxes	6.00

\$ 98,779.61

Discounts Allowed

652.40

Abatements Made During Year:

Property	1,138.69
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Uncollected Taxes—Dec. 31, 1971

As Per Collector's List:

Property	28,126.96
Resident Taxes	1,315.00
Yield	414.65

29,856.61

Total Credits

\$130,427.31

“I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1971, on account of the tax levy of Thornton, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

HELEN B. STEELE

Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1971

DR.

	1970	Tax Sale on 1969	Account of 1968	Levies Prev. Yrs.
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1971	\$	\$ 2,311.06	\$ 891.46	\$ 1,080.87
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	2,839.78			
Interest Collected After Sale	38.46	71.98	113.93	88.00
Redemption Costs		12.61	2.00	3.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 2,878.24	\$ 2,395.65	\$ 1,007.39	\$ 1,171.87

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year				
Redemptions	\$ 1,401.63	\$ 1,030.75	\$ 515.96	\$ 231.88
Interest & Costs	38.46	89.70	115.93	91.00
Unredeemed Taxes— During Dec. 31, 1971	1,438.15	1,275.20	375.50	848.99
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 2,878.24	\$ 2,395.65	\$ 1,007.39	\$ 1,171.87

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:**

	1970	1969	1968	Previous
Anderson, Olive				299.51
Boyce, Lyman	250.88			
Elmer, Aletha		157.30	(67)	156.81
Gilpatric, Lester & Beverly	49.93			
Gould, Ruth	112.97		73.37	
Pope, Edward	131.15	179.74	187.00	
Robertson, Charles & Dorothy	191.37	218.18		
Shores, Clifton & Thelma	384.91			
Uhlman, Leroy Parker	79.10			
Uhlman, Leroy, Heirs				(67) 45.59
Uhlman, Leroy, Heirs				(67) 229.34
Bickman, Gerald & Rosa	20.82	20.36	20.23	
Bleinken, Kurt	49.93			
Baldwin, Gunnar		364.17		
Beauregarde, Mr. & Mrs.	6.12			
Colarusso, Robert & Jeanette				(67) 71.65
Cunningham, Reginald		41.01		
Davis, Everett		157.30		
Downing, Alfonso & Edith	61.15	81.23	80.73	
Hill, Walter & W. Hiltz	72.32			
Knowles, Robert & Dorothy				(63) 84.97
Paccione, Theo., John Raff, Theo Fleming			14.17	(64) 11.62
Westmoreland, Nelson	27.50	20.36		
Burrill, David		35.55		
	<u>\$ 1,438.15</u>	<u>\$ 1,275.20</u>	<u>\$ 375.50</u>	<u>\$ 848.99</u>

UNCOLLECTED YIELD TAXES

1971

Boyce, Lyman G.	\$ 399.99	
Uhlman, Parker	14.66	
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1970

Uhlman, Parker	47.02	
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1969

Al's Construction	176.25	
Uhlman, Parker	123.91	
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1968

Al's Construction	87.25	
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1967

Little, Charles	248.93	
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1966

Bickford, Maurice	157.80	
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1964

Monroe, Russell	71.95	
Downing, Alphonso	355.38	
Downing, Lawrence	124.24	
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1963

Monroe, Russell	220.08	
Downing, Lawrence	56.03	
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1971

<i>Title of Approp.</i>	<i>Approp.</i>	<i>Expend.</i>	<i>Unexpended Balances</i>	<i>Overdrafts</i>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$2,526.00	\$ 2,695.00	\$	\$ 169.00
Town Officers' Expenses.	2,100.00	1,071.47	1,028.53	
Election & Registration	200.00	127.75	72.25	
Town Hall	1,000.00	100.00	900.00	
Police Dept.	250.00	202.50	47.50	
Fire Dept.	1,400.00	1,323.68	76.32	
Damages & Legal Exp.	50.00		50.00	
Health Dept.	702.36		702.36	
Town Maint.—Winter	6,000.00	5,799.62	238.00	
Town Maint.—Summer	3,000.00	2,062.75	937.25	
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	1,500.00	886.64	613.36	
Libraries	200.00	200.00		
Town Poor	100.00	121.28		21.28
Old Age & Disability	1,650.00	1,406.08	243.92	
Memorial Day	25.00	32.98		7.98
Cemeteries	300.00	1,406.08		1,106.08
Bridge Fund	3,000.00	1,244.53	755.47	
New Bridge	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Tar Fund	500.00	992.78		492.78
Town Dump	1,200.00	3,790.96		2,590.96
County Taxes	18,355.33	18,355.33		
	<u>\$ 54,058.69</u>	<u>\$ 41,819.43</u>	<u>\$ 15,627.34</u>	<u>\$ 4,388.08</u>
			4,388.08	
Net Unexpended Balance of Approp.			\$ 11,239.26	

SUMMARY PROGRAM OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS REGION ASSOCIATION — 1971 (34th Year)

Pioneered an engineering project at the University of New Hampshire in researching problems of snow erosion at ski areas. This project is well underway now and it appears that some practical solutions have been arrived at.

Maintained an active legislative program through the formation of a joint committee of the four regional promotional groups in the White Mountains.

Helped defeat an increase in the rooms and meals tax and gave strong support regarding the 16-mile extension of the Spaulding Turnpike.

Continued to promote new outdoor sports compatible to the region: namely, white-water canoeing, ski touring and bicycling.

Posted the annual 500 miles of Fall Foliage tour leaves.

Participated in a citizens' review committee on the controversial four million dollar federal Connecticut Basin study and were successful in altering some of the recommendations of this study.

Continued to develop the concept of promoting the off-season for tourists as against the high season.

Gave awards to 4-H groups in Grafton and Coos Counties.

Received 6,593 inquiries for the season which were answered with kits of folders.

Wrote 49 news releases. Wrote 259 personal letters.

Wrote four magazine articles and had twenty-five photographs appear in magazines and newspapers.

Printed and distributed 275,000 folders.

Appeared on four radio programs and attended two travel shows.

Total income for 1971 — \$33,833.

Presently we are working to make the State Regional Planning effort coincide with the six existing region associations.

Presently we are working with the Neighborhood Youth Corps to develop a course in hotel management for high school drop-outs, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. WILSON,
Executive Secretary

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1971
RECEIPTS

Car Registrations:

1970 in 1971	\$	59.26
1971		6,455.25
1972 in 1971		159.99

Total Car Registrations			\$	6,674.50
Filing Fees				10.00
Dog Licenses				251.00

Total Receipts			\$	6,935.50
Paid to Treasurer	\$	6,933.49		
Overpayment in 1970		2.01		

JAMES N. POPE

Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 1971

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1971	\$ 46,302.75
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RECEIPTS

From Selectmen—		\$ 21,572.79
Cancelled Check 9448—12-31-70		28.68
From Tax Collector	\$126,389.21	
Plus Checks Uncollected		
12-31-70—Collected 1971	95.16	
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	\$126,484.37	
Less Uncollected 12-31-71	195.00	
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		126,289.37
From Town Clerk		6,933.49
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		154,824.33
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Total		\$201,127.08
Less: Selectmen's Orders Paid		127,616.06
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Cash on Hand, December 31, 1971		\$ 73,511.02

JAMES N. POPE

Treasurer

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Due School January 1, 1971	\$ 46,297.01
Paid to June 30, 1971	46,297.01
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1971-72 Approp. as adjusted by State Tax Comm.	98,420.34
Paid to December 31, 1971	33,109.87
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Balance Due School December 31, 1971	\$ 65,310.47

Selectmen - In Account With

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS Year Ending December 31, 1971

From State:

National Forest Reserve	\$ 3,503.77
Profit Tax	432.30
Fire Training	35.75
T. R. A. Reimbursement	2,394.50
Int. & Div. Tax	3,760.19
Savings Bank Tax	157.38
Profits Tax	214.54
T. R. A. Reimb.	2,822.17
T. R. A. Reimb.	20.00
Profits Tax	214.54
White Mt. Forest	2,487.25
Rooms & Meals	2,693.68

\$ 18,736.07

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Lee Trust Fund	165.04
Town of Campton a/c Dump	469.20
Pistol Permits (Selectmen)	5.00
Charlotte Uhlman (Cem. Lot)	50.00
George Danforth (Cem. Lot)	25.00
Ayer Insurance Refund	1.00
Walter Sleeper (Cemetery Lot)	50.00
Irving Avery (Cemetery Lot)	25.00
Town of Campton a/c Dump	1,861.16
Selectmen, Pistol Permit	2.00
Lee Fund	167.86
Sale of Lot	15.46

2,836.72

Total from Selectmen	21,572.79
Cancelled Check	28.68
From Tax Collector:	126,389.21
Plus Checks Uncollected	
12-31-70 Collected 1971	95.16
	126,484.37
Less Uncollected 12-31-71	195.00

126,289.37
6,933.49

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 154,824.33

Town of Thornton

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

James N. Pope, '70 Comm. Dog Licenses	
V. S. Clerk	\$ 539.00
Helen B. Steele	400.00
Albin S. Conkey, Chr. Selectmen	500.00
Arthur L. Gross, Selectman	500.00
Alton G. Benton, Selectman	500.00
Isabelle Ham, Librarian	104.00
Evelyn Benton, Librarian	52.00
Robert McGee, Overseer	20.00
Clyde Ignaszewski - Auditor '71	40.00
Lois Ignaszewski - Auditor '71	40.00
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	\$ 2,695.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Homestead Press - Tax bills & Envelopes	20.28
New England Tel. - Phone	1.51
Helen B. Steele, Postg. \$14.86, Comm. \$83.00	97.86
Clyde Ignaszewski, Postage	8.00
N. H. City & Town Clerks Assoc., Dues	6.00
Assoc. of N. H. Assessors Dues '71	5.00
John Dole, Postg., Town Reports & Inven.	49.00
New England Telephone, Phone	4.87
Mountain Media, Inc., Town Reports	397.75
Clay's News Stand, Stamp Pad	.95
N. H. Tax Collectors Assoc., Dues '71 Appro.	5.00
N. H. Municipal Assoc. '71 Dues & Handbook	52.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc.	16.80
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., Record book & refill	6.76
Irma Gross - Clerical work	20.00
Geraldine Benton - Clerical work	20.00
New England Telephone - Phone	4.34
New England Telephone - Phone	4.79
Edson C. Eastman - Tax book	17.60
Mountain Media - Cemetery Deeds	23.25
Mountain Media - Notices for Town meeting	4.90
Helen B. Steele, Col. Costs of Tax Sales	95.21
New England Tel. - Phone	4.93
Brown & Saltmarsh - Tax Forms & Binders	23.45
Homestead Press	8.25

Payments (Continued)

Helen B. Steele - Address Book & Postg.	58.27	
New England Telephone - Phone	5.61	
Charles A. Wood - Transfers	42.90	
Branham Pub. Co., - Auto Book	9.40	
Secretary of State, Bridge SB Enrolling fee	1.00	
Sears-Roebuck, Repair adding machine	8.50	
State of N. H. - Boat fee	.84	
John Dole - Envelopes	46.45	
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		1,071.47
Election and Registration:		
Frank E. Steele, Ballot Clerk	12.00	
Alice Steele, Ballot Clerk	12.00	
Nellie Adams, Supervisor	13.50	
Marcia Smith, Supervisor	13.50	
Evelyn Benton, Supervisor	13.50	
Mountain Media, Inc., Town Ballots	39.25	
Evelyn Benton, Supervisor	8.00	
Nellie Adams, Supervisor	8.00	
Marcia Smith, Supervisor	8.00	
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		127.75
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings:		
Thornton School District - Rent		100.00
Police:		
Robert H. McGee (Through 11/7/70)	39.50	
Robert H. McGee, Police Service	163.00	
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		202.50
Insurance:		
Bertram W. Pulsifer		301.85
Fire Including Forest Fires:		
Treas. State of N. H., Pump for Indian Back pack	4.19	
Campton Water Dept., Hydrant Rental	200.00	
Campton Fire Dept. '71 Approp.	1,000.00	
Bert Benton, Forest Fire Training	71.49	
Kelly's Auto Body, Repair Fire Truck	28.00	
Bert Benton - Fire Truck	20.00	
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		1,323.68

Payments (Continued)

Blister Rust and Care of Trees:

State of N. H. - Blister Rust Approp. 125.00

Town Dump:

Robt. C. Whitehouse & Son - Plow. town dump	135.00
Stan Rosewarne, Caretaker	150.00
Robt. C. Whitehouse, Dump land fill	744.31
Stanley Rosewarne, Dump attendant	150.00
Ernest Duffy	57.50
Robt. Whitehouse, Dump maintenance	182.25
Al's Construction Co., Dump maintenance	397.00
Ernest Duffy - Dump maintenance	105.00
Ernest Duffy - Dump attendant	90.00
Ernest Duffy - Dump attendant	65.40
Ernest Duffy - Dump attendant	97.50
Ernest Duffy - Dump attendant	105.00
Al's Construction Co., 7-6 Dump Cover	132.00
Danny Duffy, Attendant	122.50
Ernest Duffy, Attendant	65.00
Danny Duffy, Attendant	165.00
Al's Construction Co., Dump work	865.00
John Buckner, Dump attendant	162.50

3,790.96

Town Maintenance:

Summer	2,062.75
Winter	5,799.62
Bridge (6 Mile Bridge)	1,185.03
Bridge	59.50
Tar	992.78

10,099.68

Vital Statistics:

7.50

General Exp. of Highway Dept.:

Alton Benton, Repair Sander	2.50
Campton Sand & Gravel (Sand)	91.49
Campton Sand & Gravel (Sand)	72.35
Ply. Tire Co., Tire repair	14.15
Chas. A. Wood, Trans.	33.48
Treas., State of N. H. R R Crossing Signs	22.48
Campton Sand & Gravel (Gravel)	38.45

Payments (Continued)

Campton Sand & Gravel (Gravel)	97.25	
Campton Sand & Gravel (Gravel)	122.65	
Ernest Duffy, Lighting flares	51.30	
Merrimack Farmers, Supplies	24.00	
Campton Sand & Gravel, Road material	68.04	
Merrimack Farmers, (Salt)	193.00	
Glen Duffy (Sand)	52.50	
Clarence Downing, Rent - Water tub	3.00	
		886.64

Libraries:

Ardelle Gilman, Approp. '71	200.00
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Public Welfare:

State of N. H. Old Age & Disability	1,406.08	
Grafton County Surplus Food	121.28	
		1,527.36

Memorial Day:

Alton G. Benton (Urns)	5.00	
Haskell's Toy Shop (Flags)	27.98	
		32.98

Cemeteries:

Gene Duffy	101.50	
John Benton	62.00	
Bert Benton	1,004.97	
Merrimack Farmers, Post & Fence	38.65	
Bert Benton (Grave)	40.00	
Clarence W. Pulsifer, Lime & Paint	160.90	
		1,408.02

Advertising & Regional Associations:

White Mountain 93 Association	150.00	
White Mountain Region Association	335.38	
		485.38

Payments (Continued)

Discounts Abatements Refunds:

John H. McDonald	28.76	
Leo Brosseau	11.00	
Locke Waterville Corp.	1,573.00	
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Other Payments:

Bond & Debt (Yield)	123.54	
County Tax	18,355.33	
Head & Res. Tax	892.00	
Thornton School Dist. (Approp.)	79,406.88	
Taxes Bought by Town	2,839.78	
	<hr/>	101,617.53

TOTAL PAYMENTS	<hr/>	\$127,616.06
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AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1971, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CLYDE J. IGNASZEWSKI

LOIS T. IGNASZEWSKI

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Summer Maintenance:	Labor	Machinery
Bert Benton:		
Hauling Gravel	\$ 226.50	\$ 336.50
Scraping	177.22	177.23
Ditches	127.00	127.55
Tarring	36.25	36.25
Patching	96.50	96.50
Mowing Roadside	102.50	162.50
Helpers:		
Richard Bradley	10.00	
Donald Gilman	24.75	
Lester Gilpatric	58.50	
Total	\$ 859.22	\$ 936.53
George Burhoe, Backhoe Work (Contracted)		153.00
Dean Yeaton, Back Sanding (Contracted)		114.00

Total Summer		\$ 2,062.75
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Winter Maintenance:

Bert Benton, Agent, Snow Removal	\$ 1,201.20	\$ 1,372.79
Gordon Willey, Snow Removal	523.69	523.69
Ralph Steele, Snow Removal	40.87	40.88
Harry Uhlman, Snow Removal	7.50	7.50
Everett Steele, Snow Removal	5.00	5.00
Total	\$ 1,778.26	\$ 1,949.86

Bert Benton, Agent:		
Sanding	512.53	742.57
Tractor Loading	31.25	31.25
Dozing Sand Pile		52.00
Snow Fence & Sand Barrels	42.50	42.50

Helpers:	
Gordon Willey	85.25
Richard Gilpatric	48.25
Lester Gilpatric	28.75
John Benton	111.75
Ralph Steele	21.75

Nelson Sweeney	46.75	
John Wiggett, Jr.	42.50	
Total	\$ 971.28	\$ 910.32
Al's Construction, Winter Sand (Contracted)	231.90	
Total Winter	\$ 5,799.62	

The balance of the Tar Fund of '70 with the '71 appropriation was spent on the following:

Gore Road from town line to F. J. Avery's Camp

Mill Brook Road from Route 175 to the old dump site.

"Sugar Run" received a surface of asphalt in 1971. The town has been asked to accept more roads this year at town meeting.

A list of requirements for town roads has been circulated to those interested.

Please note that while not too restrictive final approval is held with the Road Agent and the Board of Selectmen.

STANDARDS FOR TOWN ROAD AID

Right-of-Way Width: 50 feet is generally accepted, 40 feet occasionally.

Drainage: Cross pipes, catch basins and longitudinal drains must be adequate to carry off water so that ponding and drainage to roadway and other properties is not created. Minimum pipe size is 15 inches.

Grades: These should never be more than 10% but not less than 0.5%.

Sub-Base: Trees and stumps should be removed from the roadway area and all material leveled to grade by excavation and the use of good fill material.

Gravel: Good quality gravel shall be placed and compacted to a minimum depth of 12 inches but effort should be made to obtain greater depths to 18 inches.

Shoulders: Shoulders should be of gravel constructed as a part of the roadway to a minimum width of 2 feet outside the asphalt surface. If parking space is to be provided, this should be 8 feet in width.

Surface: An asphalt surface; 18 feet minimum width, a 20 foot surface is required where school buses and trucks use the roadway.

Approval by Town: It must be approved at a regular town meeting, with an article in the warrant. Accepted by voters of the town and final approval will be made by Road Agent and the Board of Selectmen.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS 1971

General Cemetery Fund:

546 Shares Puritan Fund		\$ 4,545.34
Div. on above in the Ply. Guar. Sav. Bank	\$ 715.88	
Capital Gains in 1971	98.28	
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		814.16

Walter Lee Mad River Cemetery Fund:

287 Shares Puritan Fund		2,388.70
Div. on above in the Ply. Guar. Sav. Bank	375.54	
Capital Gains in 1971	51.66	
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		427.20

Walter Lee West Thornton Library Fund:

287 Shares Puritan Fund		2,388.70
Div. on above in the Ply. Guar. Sav. Bank	375.54	
Capital Gains in 1971	51.66	
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		427.20

Individual Funds in the Ply. Guar. Sav. Bank 1,200.00

Funds added in 1971:

Bert Benton	100.00	
Burns & Gladys Currier	100.00	
Dana Fadden, Jr. (addition)	100.00	
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		300.00

Investment Fund—Cemetery Lots Sold 200.00

Total Funds Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>	\$ 12,691.30
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INCOME 1971

Cash on Hand, Jan 1, 1971	\$	41.12	
Puritan Fund Dividends		560.00	
Interest Plymouth Guar. Sav. Bank		166.70	
		<hr/>	\$ 767.82

EXPENDED 1971

Bert Benton—Perp. Care of Cemetery Lots	361.50	
Town of Thornton:		
Care of Mad River Cemetery	167.86	
Investment Fund	15.46	
Library Trustees—W. Thornton Library	167.86	
	<hr/>	712.68
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1971	\$	55.14

FRANK E. STEELE, Treas.

MARCIA SMITH

EVELYN BENTON

Trustees of Trust Funds
Thornton

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR 1971

	W. Thornton	Branch
Books Circulated	1,403	990
Magazines Circulated	273	
Records Circulated	0	
New Books Purchased	52	
Readers	35	72
Library Dues	\$.45	

Bookmobile Books Lent to Thornton Libraries

Fiction	202	205
Non-Fiction	106	338
Youth	57	623
Juvenile	61	542
Easy	34	371
Total Number of Visits to Libraries	4	4

ISABELLE HAM
Librarian

EVELYN BENTON
Branch Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 1971

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1970	\$ 111.58
Received from Selectmen (Approp.)	200.00
Received from Walter Lee Trust Fund	167.86
Library Dues	.45
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Total Receipts	\$ 479.89

PAYMENTS

Pemi. Nat'l. Bank (Check Book)	\$ 2.00
Campbell & Hall	185.76
David Hiltz - Repainting Library sign	18.00
Courier Printing Co., Inc.	5.47
Bro-Dart, Inc.	7.70
Good Housekeeping Magazine	13.00
Life Magazine	11.95
Better Homes & Gardens Magazine	7.00
Isabelle Ham, Rent	100.00
American Library Association	12.00
Postage	.88
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Total Payments	\$ 363.76
Cash on Hand December 31, 1971	\$ 116.13

IRMA GROSS
ARDELLE GILMAN
BARBARA PATTERSON

Trustees

REPORT OF THE THORNTON PLANNING BOARD

For the Year Ending December, 1971

In accordance with the State Statutes, the following list of Board members are recorded with Mr. James Pope, Town Clerk:

Lester Lefebvre	term expires 1972
Jack Bradley	" " 1973
Roland Downing	Resigned 2-4-'72
James Heyman	term expires 1975
Phyllis Holbrook	" " 1976
Winifred Haartz	" " 1977
Alton Benton, Selectman	" " 1974

Several sub-division plans were presented to the Board, by the developers, for review regarding compliance of the Zoning Ordinance as adopted January 10, 1970. Appropriate notification relative to non-compliance were transmitted to those concerned and corrective action taken.

Fifteen sub-division plans, approved or conditionally approved by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, were forwarded to the Thornton Planning Board for information, review, and their reference file.

The Planning Board members are currently reviewing the Town's road system. It is planned to update the Town map by officially recording existing named roads, and recommending names to the Selectmen for currently unnamed roads and the acceptance of one name for some currently known by two or three.

Should any town resident have a desire to participate in town planning, it is requested that they contact any selectman, or planning board member, making their interest known. All constructive suggestions are invited and welcome.

A tract of land on the Lower Mad River Road has been considered as a suitable commercial area to serve the town population. Voters are requested to voice their approval, or disapproval, on the ballot at the annual town meeting March 7, 1972.

LESTER V. LEFEBVRE

CAMPTON, THORNTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. REPORT

You will note that our name has been expanded this year to include the Town of Thornton. We felt it was only fitting that the citizens of Thornton, who have so generously contributed to our support, should be recognized in this manner. For the last two years Thornton has been contributing 40% of our funds and Campton has been putting up 60%. We recommend this same proportion of responsibility be continued.

Unfortunately, the only two things that have expanded this past year are our name and our expenses.

If we are to continue to do our best to safeguard the lives and the property of the townspeople of Campton and Thornton, several facts become clear.

- (1) Simply to continue in operation, to keep your trucks running and to keep our department supplied with the barest of necessities, we need to have both towns appropriate a total of \$8,500. Without these funds we will cease to exist.
- (2) To meet the minimum requirements of the New Hampshire Board of Underwriters, we must purchase 2,000 feet of hose at a cost of \$3,000. Furthermore, we will not continue to operate our pumper truck without two additional front tires at a cost of \$150. To do so would be to jeopardize the lives of the occupants of the truck or possibly a bystander.
- (3) Since it is unlikely the Towns of Campton and Thornton can afford to establish a joint, fully equipped, full time fire department at this time, it is vitally essential that the Campton, Thornton Volunteer Fire Department join the Lakes Region Mutual Aid Association.

This will place the men and equipment from a minimum of eight surrounding towns at our disposal. The cost of joining will run slightly over \$3,500. To try and measure the possible value of the added protection of mutual aid would be impossible, but certainly, if just one injury could be avoided or perhaps one life saved by being able to call on these other towns, it would be well worth \$3,500.

- (4) It will be necessary for the ownership of the Campton, Thornton Volunteer Fire Department to pass directly to the towns of Campton and Thornton. The growth of these two towns has been phenomenal and they require the services of a far better equipped fire department. The only way the many thousands of dollars necessary for new trucks, equipment and a fire house can be raised is through municipal bonds. The ownership of the department must be in the hands of the Towns before any bond issue can be started.

To ignore this eventuality, to postpone preparing for it now, is to invite financial disaster on our towns in the years to come.

Legislation has already been introduced that would require towns of a certain population to have a fire department that meets certain standards.

Only by starting to build and improve now will towns avoid having to lay out much larger amounts later. A 5-man Board of Fire Commissioners, three from Campton and two from Thornton, should be formed to oversee the transfer of ownership of the Department and its transition from a sub-standard department to one that Campton and Thornton can be proud of, can trust, and can count on to be there when its needed.

People of Campton and Thornton — Don't wait until disaster strikes and lives and property are lost. Vote Yes to the articles included in the Town Warrants.

CAMPTON - THORNTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Receipts during 1971

Total end of 1970	\$ 2,043.52
Bazaar Receipts	1,832.00
Receipts from Fire Extinguishers	547.62
Receipts from Supper	214.00
Donations	5.00
Raffle	124.00
Extinguisher and Raffle Receipts	552.30
Thornton Appropriation	1,000.00
Campton Appropriation	2,500.00
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Total	\$ 8,818.44
Expenses	7,301.87
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TOTAL end of '71	\$ 1,516.57

REPORT of the FOREST FIRE WARDEN and DISTRICT CHIEF

LEST WE FORGET — IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

Disastrous forest and brush fires that destroy hundreds of homes are more prevalent on the west coast with their dry seasons and strong, dry, hot winds but 25 years ago this fall is the anniversary of a disaster that devastated large areas of northern New England leaving villages in ashes with rows of cellarholes and chimneys in a number of summer vacation home locations. Many lives were lost on that destructive day of October 23, 1947; nothing could stop the wind driven flames.

It is true that such conditions are unusual for New Hampshire but they happened once, they can happen again. The fuel for fires is all around us. All it takes is a firebrand. Only by cultivating a habit of carefulness with fire at all times can we meet the challenge of protection when dry conditions prevail. Please let these reminders be your guide:

1. Never, either when walking, riding or driving, discard a firebrand—a lighted match or a glowing cigarette.
2. Always obtain a permit for any outside burning. The burning of household rubbish is not permitted if your town has rubbish collection. Burning of grass or garden litter can be dangerous. See your warden first.
3. If you camp or picnic be sure open fires are allowed and if they are, put them **dead out** when leaving.
4. **Most Important**—instruct your children in the danger of the lighted match. A lighted match and dry grass or forest litter is a dangerous combination which leads to destructive loss and can lead to tragedy.

The past year—1971 was a favorable year for the control of fires. There were too many fire starts in some towns. We thank those who remembered to ask others to heed Smokey's message.

Number of fires reported and acres burned—1971 season:

STATE	463 fires	160 acres
DISTRICT	19	11¼
TOWN	0	0

DISTRICT CHIEF
JOHN J. RICARD

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
BERT T. BENTON

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1971

Date of Birth 1971	Sex	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
Mar 10	M	Corey James	James H Avery	Sharon B McGee	Thornton	N H	N H
Mar 11	F	Nancy Lynn	James R Heyman	Kathleen M Carnie	Thornton	N Y	N Y
June 4	F	Susan Marie	Albert D Chartier	Susan M Grace	Thornton	N H	N H
June 15	M	Shirley Dana	Alton G Benton	Geraldine Holecsek	Thornton	N Y	N H
Sept 7	M	Edward Wallace	Edward O Pope	Marlene Bizzozero	Thornton	Vt	N J

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1971

Date 1971	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Place of Birth of Each	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
May 8	Campton	Leslie J Demers	Thornton	04-09-52	N H	William C Sieverts Clergyman Campton
June 2	Campton	Deborah J Burhoe	Thornton	09-18-53	N H	Leta E Henderson Justice of Peace Campton
June 19	Plymouth	Albert D Chartier	Newport	05-22-49	N H	
		Susan Marie Grace	Thornton	08-12-53	N H	
		George P Downing	Thornton	08-09-50	Germany	P V George Clergyman Plymouth
Sept 4	Thornton	Dorinda Rose Hamm	Plymouth	06-29-53	N H	
		Kenneth R Axon	Thornton	03-30-32	Mass	J Albert Lynd Justice of Peace Pelham
		Mary F Collins	Lowell Mass	09-06-36	Mass	
Oct 9	Thornton	Everett P Blake	Campton	03-29-52	Minn	Harry R Flad Clergyman Woodstock
		Ann Marie Shores	Thornton	02-03-54	N H	
Oct 23	Jericho, Vt	David A Lavigne	Thornton	05-31-27	Conn	Gregory Kondakian Clergyman Jericho, Vt
		Ann J Marshall	Jericho, Vt	12-14-47	Vt	
Nov 26	Thornton	Timothy W Cushing	Thornton	06-02-52	N H	Harry R Flad Clergyman Woodstock
		Gail P Shores	Thornton	12-12-52	N H	
Dec 18	Wolfeboro	Robert D Pope	Thornton	04-07-50	N J	Donald R Wilson Vicar Wolfeboro
		Marilyn V Berry	Wolfeboro	11-12-52	N H	
Dec 30	Woodstock	Donald E Wright	Thornton	09-13-28	N H	Everett J LaPointe Justice of Peace No. Woodstock
		Diantha W Duguay	Thornton	07-05-40	N H	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1971

Date of Death 1971	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years	Place of Birth	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation
Jan 5	Thornton	David C Rodgers	68 N	H	M	M	Mechanic
Jan 14	Campton	Mertie A Drake	83 N	H	F	W	Housewife
Jan 22	Laconia	Elizabeth Barnard	73 N	H	F	M	Bkpr. H. wife
Feb 12	Haverhill	Dana S Fadden	88 N	H	M	M	Farmer
Apr 20	Thornton	Charles Robertson	53 N	H	M	D	Painter
May 10	Concord	Robert C Uhlman	29 N	H	M	Carp.	foreman
May 19	Wentworth	Gladys A Walker	57 N	H	F	M	Housekeeper
May 21	Plymouth	Lillian A Danforth	67 N	H	F	M	Housewife
July 28	Haverhill	Ina Avery	81 N	H	F	W	Housewife
Oct 25	Thornton	John N Wallace	67 N	H	M	S	Carpenter
Nov 23	Plymouth	Alfred E O'Haire Sr	60	Vt	M	M	Retired
Dec 29	Plymouth	Marion M Downing	81 N	H	F	W	Housewife

THORNTON SCHOOL REPORT

OFFICERS OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Donald Sleeper
Phyllis Holbrook
Jack Bradley

Term Expires

1972
1973
1974

Treasurer and Clerk

William F. Whitaker

Auditors

Lois Ignaszewski
Clyde Ignaszewski

Moderator

Russell Gilman

Superintendent

M. Wayne Bowie

Assistant Superintendent

N. Kenneth Smith

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Central School in said district on the 7th day of March 1972, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this 16th day of February, 1972.

DONALD SLEEPER
PHYLLIS HOLBROOK
JACK BRADLEY
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DONALD SLEEPER
PHYLLIS HOLBROOK
JACK BRADLEY
School Board

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Central School in said district on the 15th day of March 1972, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.

5. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute tuition contracts with other school districts.

6. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for and to accept on behalf of the District any or all grants or offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire and/or the United States.

7. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this 15th day of February, 1972.

DONALD SLEEPER
PHYLLIS HOLBROOK
JACK BRADLEY
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DONALD SLEEPER
PHYLLIS HOLBROOK
JACK BRADLEY
School Board

1971-72 THORNTON SCHOOL BUDGET

		Approved Budget 1971-72	School Board's Budget 1972-73
<i>Purpose of Appropriation</i>			
110	<i>Salaries of District Officers</i>		
	School Board Chairman	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
	School Board Members	200.00	200.00
	Treasurer	150.00	150.00
		500.00	500.00
135	<i>Contracted Services</i>		
	Auditors	20.00	30.00
	Census Taker	25.00	25.00
		45.00	55.00
190.1	<i>Expenses of District Officers</i>		
	Bookkeeper	150.00	
	Printing and Postage	225.00	225.00
	Legal Fees, Misc. Expense	25.00	25.00
		400.00	250.00
210.1	<i>Salary of Principal</i>	8,500.00	8,800.00
210.3	<i>Salaries of Teachers</i>		
	Regular Teachers	20,660.00	20,700.00
	Substitute Teachers	400.00	600.00
	Music Teachers	800.00	900.00
	Reading Teacher	2,400.00	3,200.00
	Special Education		1,000.00
		24,260.00	26,400.00
215	<i>Textbooks</i>	575.00	1,100.00
220	<i>Library Books and Audio Visual Aids</i>	280.00	1,200.00
230	<i>Supplies (to be consumed)</i>	900.00	1,650.00
235	<i>Contracted Services</i>		
	WENH-TV	90.00	100.00
	Testing	250.00	150.00
		340.00	250.00
290.1	<i>Other Expenses of Instruction</i>		
	Graduation, Postage, Travel	85.00	200.00
	Reimb. for Professional Improvement	360.00	360.00
	Miscellaneous	50.00	335.00
		495.00	895.00

410	<i>Salary of Nurse</i>	700.00	800.00
490	<i>Health Expenses—Band Aids, etc.</i>	20.00	40.00
535	<i>Contracted Pupil Transportation</i>	8,000.00	9,000.00
576	<i>Expense in Lieu of Transportation</i>	15.00	30.00
610	<i>Salary of Janitor</i>	1,700.00	1,800.00
630	<i>Cleaning Supplies—Towels, etc.</i>	400.00	400.00
640	<i>Heat</i>	950.00	950.00
645	<i>Electricity and Telephone</i>	1,050.00	1,050.00
690	<i>Other Expenses of Building</i>	125.00	125.00
725	<i>Replacement of Equipment</i>	50.00	300.00
726	<i>Repairs to Equipment</i>	125.00	125.00
735	<i>Contracted Services—Painting</i>	200.00	300.00
766	<i>Repairs to Building</i>	100.00	100.00
850.2	<i>District Share of Retirement</i>	826.20	856.52
850.3	<i>District Share of FICA</i>	1,265.47	2,147.30
855	<i>Insurance</i>	550.00	550.00
910	<i>Salary for Hot Lunch Program</i>	1,600.00	1,600.00
975.1	<i>Federal Reimbursements</i>	750.00	900.00
1075	<i>Student Body Activities</i>		
	Ski Program—Transportation	150.00	150.00
	Baseball, Basketball, etc.	100.00	200.00
	Home Ec. & Shop	100.00	200.00
	Field Trips		350.00
		350.00	900.00
1266	<i>Equipment—Library Shelves</i>		300.00
1267	<i>Equipment—Not Built in</i>	400.00	100.00
1370	<i>Principal of Debt</i>	3,000.00	3,000.00
1371	<i>Interest on Debt</i>	285.00	195.00
1477.1	<i>Tuition</i>		
	PHS 1971-72 22 @ 1,286.62	28,305.64	
	1972-73 24 @ 1,200.00		28,900.00
	LHS 1971-72 12 @ 1,000.00	12,000.00	
	1972-73 13 @ 1,100.00		14,300.00
	Lin-Wood Elementary	1,000.00	
		41,305.64	43,100.00
1477.3	<i>Dist. Share of Sup. Union Expenses</i>	2,610.38	3,571.75
Total Appropriation		\$102,672.69	\$113,340.57

REVENUE

State Sources

Sweepstakes	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00
School Building Aid	900.00	900.00

Federal Sources

NDEA—Title III	75.00	100.00
National Forest Reserve	850.00	1,243.74
School Lunch & Milk Program	750.00	900.00
PL 89-10 (ESEA)	600.00	600.00

Other Revenue

Rent	100.00
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Total Revenue	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 4,543.74
ESTIMATED DISTRICT ASSESSMENT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	98,647.69	108,796.83
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$102,672.69	\$113,340.57

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971

RECEIPTS

Local Sources:

Current Appropriation	\$ 92,797.01	\$
Rent—2 Years	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 92,997.01

State Sources:

Foundation Aid—None		
School Building Aid	900.00	
Sweepstakes	725.86	
	<hr/>	1,625.86

Federal Sources:

Title I —Reading Program	579.00	
Title III—Tape Recorder	74.50	
Lunch Program Reimb.	992.28	
Nat. Forest Res.—2 Yrs.	2,278.83	
Nat. Forest Res.—Library Fund	89.60	
	<hr/>	4,014.21

Other Sources:

Ski Program	95.50	
Interest on Deposits	56.06	
Percy Madore—Tuition for L. Axon	250.00	
	<hr/>	401.56

TOTAL RECEIPTS	<hr/>	99,038.64
Cash on Hand, Beginning of Year July 1, 1970		2,873.93
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GRAND TOTAL		\$101,912.57

DISBURSEMENTS

110 Salaries of District Officers:

Treas.—James Pope	\$ 150.00	\$
School Board—		
Jack Bradley	150.00	
Donald Sleeper	100.00	
Phyllis Holbrook	100.00	
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		500.00

135 Contracted Services:

Auditors	20.00	
Census Taker	25.00	
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		45.00

190.1 Other Expenses of Administration:

School Reports	143.75	
Bookkeeper—P. Holbrook	150.00	
Envelopes, Postage Bank Charges	68.03	
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		361.78

210.1 Principal's Salary—Frederick Blue, Jr. 7,700.00

210.3 Teachers' Salaries:

Judith Landry	6,600.00	
Michael McGuire	6,200.00	
Nance Sanborn	6,300.00	
Mary Federico	20.00	
Janet King	80.00	
Joseph L. Cote	432.00	
Hazel Merrill	20.00	
Timothy Quinney	20.00	
Jane E. Bush	40.00	
Ellen Pike	20.00	
John Clark	20.00	
Frances Hoff	60.00	
Susan Lozeau	140.00	
Diane Whiston—Music	800.00	
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		20,752.00

210.9 Helping Teacher—Mary Federico 1,905.00

215 Textbooks 529.89

220	Library and Audio Visual Aids:		
	Yearbooks and Guides	70.44	
	Reading Kits	216.88	
	Scholastic Magazines	79.75	
		<hr/>	367.07
230	Teaching Supplies:		
	Workbooks	502.84	
	Paper, Pencils, etc.	394.05	
	Readiness Materials	78.61	
	Science Materials	14.68	
	Shop Program	27.90	
		<hr/>	1,018.08
235	Contracted: WENH TV		92.00
290	Other Expenses for Instruction:		
	Graduation—1970	21.16	
	Graduation—1971	58.92	
	Postage on Films, etc.	20.00	
	UNH Testing Service	8.05	
	Maps and Screens	101.43	
	F. Blue, Jr.—Courses at PSC	180.00	
	Science Supplies	88.80	
		<hr/>	478.36
410	Salary of Nurse—H. Fisher		700.00
490	Health Supplies		2.98
535	Pupil Transportation—L. Boyce		
	Contracted	5,800.00	
	Extra Mileage	507.00	
		<hr/>	6,307.00
610	Salary of Janitor—Frank Steele		1,700.00
630	Cleaning Supplies		532.04
640	Heat		920.02
645	Telephone and Electricity		998.22

690	Other Expenses of Building:		
	Light Bulbs	35.86	
	Mowing Grass, Shoveling Snow	36.50	
	Gas for Snowblower, Cleaning Up Tree	8.77	
		<hr/>	81.13
726	Repairs to Equipment		167.52
735	Contracted Services:		
	E. Steele—Painting	130.00	
	Paint	47.04	
		<hr/>	177.04
766	Repairs to Building:		
	Roof—Materials	1,092.97	
	Labor	337.50	
	Cleaning Oil Burner	37.70	
	Misc. Repairs & Replacements	93.43	
		<hr/>	1,561.60
850.2	Teachers' Retirement		663.87
850.3	FICA		1,140.13
855	Insurance:		
	Building and Contents	392.80	
	Liability	48.29	
	Workman's Compensation	94.90	
		<hr/>	535.99
910	Salary of Hot Lunch Supervisor:		
	Betty Downing	1,249.50	
	Blanche Boyce	272.00	
		<hr/>	1,521.50
975.1	Reimbursements for Milk & Lunches		992.28
1075.1	Student Body Activities:		
	Ski Transportation	200.00	
	Athletic Supplies	44.15	
		<hr/>	244.15
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1265	Site Improvement:		
	R. Whitehouse—Baseball Field	105.00	
	Fertilizer	76.50	
		<hr/>	181.50
1267	New Equipment		
	Files	106.83	
	Slide Adapter	10.50	
		<hr/>	117.33
1370	Principal of Debt		3,000.00
1371	Interest on Debt		375.00
1477.1	Tuition:		
	Plymouth High School	33,471.35	
	Lin-Wood High School	8,081.21	
	Lin-Wood Elementary School	1,000.00	
		<hr/>	42,552.56
1477.2	Supervisory Union Expenses		2,562.96
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	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		100,784.00
	Cash on Hand at End of Year—June 30, 1971		1,128.57
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	GRAND TOTAL		\$101,912.57

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1970	\$ 2,873.93
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RECEIPTS

From Selectmen:

1970 Appropriation	\$ 92,797.01
Office Rent	200.00

\$ 92,997.01

From State of New Hampshire:

School Building Aid	900.00
Sweepstakes	725.86

1,625.86

From Federal Sources:

Lunch Program Reimb.	992.28
Title I	579.00
Title III	74.50
Nat. Forest Res. '69	868.96
Nat. Forest Res. '70	1,409.87
N. F. R. Reserve Fund	89.60

4,014.21

From Miscellaneous Sources:

Ski Program—Transp.	95.50
Interest	56.06
Tuition	250.00

401.56

Total Receipts—All Sources	\$ 99,038.64
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Total Cash & Receipts	\$101,912.57
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Total Payments	100,784.00
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Cash on Hand, June 30, 1971	\$ 1,128.57
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JAMES N. POPE

Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1971	\$ 1,128.57
Accounts Due District:	
Hot Lunch & Milk Reimbursements	343.03
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Total Assets	1,471.60
Net Debt (Excess of Liab. over Assets)	10,121.43
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 11,593.03

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by District:		
Hot Lunch Reimb.	\$ 343.03	
Prescott Lumber Co.	200.00	
Playground Equipment Repair	50.00	
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		593.03
Bonds Outstanding		11,000.00
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GRAND TOTAL		\$ 11,593.03

STATUS OF SCHOOL BONDS

Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$ 14,000.00
Payment of Principal	3,000.00
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Outstanding at End of Year—June 30, 1971	\$ 11,000.00

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the School District of Thornton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, and found them correct in all respects.

July 18, 1971

LOIS T. IGNASZEWSKI
CLYDE J. IGNASZEWSKI

THORNTON SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971

Beginning Balance — July 1, 1970	\$ 54.60
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RECEIPTS

Lunch Sales—Children	\$ 1,836.12	
Lunch Sales—Adults	58.20	
Reimbursement	881.30	
Loan	13.34	
Misc. Cash	\$ 2,788.96	
Total Receipts		\$ 2,788.96
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$ 2,843.56

EXPENDITURES

Food	\$ 2,190.29	
Labor	588.00	
Repayment of Loan	10.67	
All Other Expenditures	\$ 2,788.96	
Total Expenditures		\$ 2,788.96
BALANCE — June 30, 1971		\$ 54.60
OTHER PROGRAM RESOURCES:		
Donations: Foods \$127.50		\$ 127.50

BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1971

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 54.60
Accounts Receivable:	
Reimbursement due Program	206.93
Food Inventory — June 30	10.00
Supplies Inventory — June 30	10.00
Total Assets	\$ 281.53

LIABILITIES

Working Capital	\$ 54.60
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BETTY DOWNING

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Another year is rapidly drawing to a close for the Thornton Central School and some of the problems that beset many schools bother us.

Our enrollment figures have again exceeded 90 pupils and there is no end in sight. I look for continued growth, though it is difficult to determine how much and how soon. We are at the point where the district should be thinking of solutions to our crowded situation. It is my opinion before an addition to the school should be attempted the alternative of sending grades 7 and 8 out on a tuition basis to other districts ought to be explored.

As the school population increases, the need for a larger school site becomes important. If there is adjoining land available, some thought should be given to its acquisition.

I am sure the residents of the district have noticed the reduction of aid to education from the State level. Just a few years ago we received nearly \$9,000 in Foundation Aid and this biennium for the first time commitments for School Building Aid were not met. It is appreciated that the property taxpayers have been willing to support education to the degree they have.

The S. R. A. Testing Program which was started this year should aid us in developing a stronger curriculum. The fact that the tests are being machine scored and the data completed with computers should show us our weaknesses as well as our strengths. This will allow teachers to meet more adequately pupil needs so students will be better prepared for high school. As norms are developed for the school and the Supervisory Union they will be an excellent guide for overall pupil achievement.

The Title I funds from P. L. 89-10 were used wisely this year when Mrs. Lowden was employed as an aide in the area of reading. She is a teacher with many years of experience and is just what children need who can reach their educational maximum with a little individualized help. We hope to continue the program another year.

The Hot Lunch program is as popular as ever. A new book-keeping system has proven to be hard to understand but this has not affected the quality of the meals.

The district is fortunate in having a staff of dedicated teachers and school board. Their cooperation and interest are all part of a smooth running educational system.

Mr. Smith, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, is working very closely with all school staffs on curriculum planning and educational evaluation. Please feel free to contact our office if you have questions concerning your school or your children.

Respectfully submitted,

M. WAYNE BOWIE
Superintendent of Schools

EXPLANATION OF SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARY

Chapter 189, Section 48 Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire, requires that the school district annual report show the total amount paid to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools as per the following quotation: "Reports. Each superintendent salary paid to the superintendent, showing in detail the amount paid by the state and each local school district, and their share of same. Said report shall be filed with the school board of each school district involved and shall be included in the annual report of the respective school district as a separate entry. A like report and entry shall be made for each assistant superintendent, teacher consultant, and business administrators, if any is in service in the union."

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuations. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the school for the previous school year ending June 30th. The salary of \$14,500, which was received by the superintendent of schools of Supervisory Union No. 48 during 1970-1971 was made up as follows: \$2,500 paid by the State of New Hampshire and \$12,000 was prorated among the several School Districts. Allowance for \$1,000 travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The salary of \$12,000 for the assistant superintendent during 1970-1971 was made up as follows: \$2,700 paid by the State of New Hampshire and \$9,300 was prorated among the several School Districts. Allowance for \$1,000 travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the portion of salary and travel charged to each school district.

District	Percentage	Superintendent's		Assistant Superintendent's	
		Salary	Travel	Salary	Travel
Campton	15.36	\$ 1,843.20	\$ 153.60	\$1,428.48	\$ 153.60
Holderness	21.87	2,624.40	218.70	2,033.91	218.70
Plymouth	37.39	4,486.80	373.90	3,477.27	373.90
Rumney	10.42	1,250.40	104.20	969.06	104.20
Thornton	7.41	889.20	74.10	689.13	74.10
Waterville					
Valley	3.24	388.80	32.40	301.32	32.40
Wentworth	4.31	517.20	43.10	400.83	43.10
	100.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,300.00	\$1,000.00

M. Wayne Bowie
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Opening enrollment was in line with estimate of the previous Spring. However, additions to date have brought enrollment to 93 students. Graduation this year of four students coupled with an average first grade enrollment will very possibly exceed the 100 mark. At this figure, serious consideration by the community regarding future plans for your school should be given.

The State of New Hampshire Minimum Standards outlines various mandatory and elective steps which your school should be taking. Some of these have been started and others are in the stages of development. Included are preliminary plans for special education facilities and personnel to assist in better helping those children experiencing more than average difficulty at school. A library of modest proportions is planned to be built with existing source material and programmed additions yearly. In the area of health services, the dental program this year included fluoridation and cleaning; the introduction of a basic short course in health and hygiene was also started in all grades. Art and Music courses have improved with the donated efforts of local college students and in the latter case the talents of Mrs. Davis. Two music programs are to be presented, one at Christmas and a Spring concert in mid-April.

In other subject areas, the new mathematics program, introduced this year, has had its expected introductory problems but appears to be as successful as planned. Next year, the school-wide ESS program in Science will give us a well coordinated curriculum on the same building block basis the mathematics program instituted this year. Reading continues to be a major area for improvement. The addition of Mrs. Lowden on a full five half days basis has enabled your school to intensify its efforts in reading instruction. Library trips have continued, weather permitting, for grades 1-4 and in the last two terms will include the 5th grade.

Staffing this year included the following: Grades 1 & 2, Mrs. Scott; grades 3 & 4, Mrs. Sanborn; grades 5 & 6, Mr. Blue; grades 7 & 8, Mr. Quinney; Reading, Mrs. Lowden; Music, Mrs. Davis. Included should be all the many volunteers in the girls' 5-8 sewing classes, expanded to include knitting, crocheting, embroidery, handicrafts and sewing. In addition, the efforts of many young people at the Plymouth State College in the areas of reading, testing, art and athletics should be acknowledged.

The year to date has been one of determined effort to achieve a degree of measured success in spite of some intermittent problems. The future years appear to be mounting some challenges that will offer all the community an opportunity to participate in developing a school of a calibre in keeping with the best interests of the community. On behalf of all the staff at Thornton Elementary, may I express our appreciation for your help and guidance in the operation of your school.

Respectfully submitted,
F. R. BLUE, Principal

SUPERVISORY UNION #48
Adopted School Calendar For 1972 - 1973

August 28, 1972 - September 1, 1972 - Workshops All Teachers K-12	
September 5, 1972	Teachers' Meetings
September 6, 1972	All Schools Open
October 9, 1972	Schools Closed — Columbus Day
October 13, 1972	Schools Closed — Teachers' Convention
October 23, 1972	Schools Closed — Veterans' Day
November 7, 1972	Schools Closed — National Election Day
November 22, 1972	Schools Close — Thanksgiving Recess
November 27, 1972	Schools Reopen
December 22, 1972	Schools Close — Christmas Recess
January 3, 1973	Schools Reopen
February 16, 1973	Schools Close — Mid-Winter Recess
February 26, 1973	Schools Reopen
April 20, 1973	Schools Close — Spring Recess
April 30, 1973	Schools Reopen
May 28, 1973	Schools Closed — Memorial Day
June 22, 1973	Schools Close — Summer Recess

This Calendar provides for 184 School Days and 6 days of Teacher Workshops. State Law requires 180 complete school days. Time beyond that may be used at the discretion of the district.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

One day of each school week is spent at Thornton.

Heights, weights, routine vision and hearing tests, health conferences and assisting parents with medical doctor follow-up appointments is a part of routine health work.

First Aid supplies were furnished at a minimum cost through the efforts of the staff of Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital.

Health community resources, the aid of welfare workers, specialized clinics, our local hospital and the aid of doctors has been a coordinated effort for all students.

Forthcoming for Thornton Central School is a health teaching program, a change in health requirements for 1st grade entrants, a routine physical for everyone working with students, a screening dental program at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, and a dental consultant, Dr. Allen Naves.

It is a pleasure to assist Thornton Elementary School in working for better health for all students.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisory Union Nurse

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